

Focused Instruction for Continued Student Success

During the 2025-2026 school year, our educational focus continued to strengthen reading instruction through our district-wide and school-wide emphasis on the ACPSD Instructional Framework. At Hammond Hill, teachers participated in weekly Collaborative Planning Meetings and Professional Development sessions to explore and refine each component of the framework to promote students' success. Each instructional component was consistently reviewed, modeled and monitored for effectiveness. We also continued aligning instruction to South Carolina State Standards and the HHM curriculum to ensure reading instruction remained purposeful, rigorous, and connected to grade-level expectations.

This school year, we also focused on implementing the new South Carolina math standards and our new enVision math curriculum. We continued our shift toward helping students develop a deeper conceptual understanding of mathematics through meaningful instruction, student explanation, and real-world application. Number Corner remained part of our math instructional block, and Bridges Intervention continued to provide targeted support for students needing additional assistance with math concepts.

Another important focus for the 2025-2026 school year was the rollout of i-Ready Reading and i-Ready Math as our new diagnostic benchmark assessment and computer-assisted instruction program. Teachers used i-Ready data to set individual student goals, monitor progress, and create instructional groupings. Students have embraced the program and enjoyed earning trophies through weekly and monthly challenges. We continue to analyze data on-going and provide daily instruction that will meet the specific needs of all learners at Hammond Hill Elementary School.

Goal

The goal of our School Improvement Council is to provide ways to improve our instructional practices in reading and mathematics in a safe and positive learning environment. SIC in collaboration with the school's administration and PTO engaged in meaningful dialogue around the Science of Reading, Data Analysis, and Flexible Grouping to build teachers' capacity and increase students' overall academic performance as measured by iReady, SCReady, and teacher created assessments.

Awards

- 2026 Palmetto Gold for High Academic Performance
- 2026 Golden Apple Award Winner - Chris Witt
- 2026 Aiken County Professional Staff Member of the Year - Carrie Adams
- 2025 Aiken County Honor Court - Shannon Hoffmann
- 2023 Golden Apple Award Winner - Sarah Emerling
- 2019 Golden Apple Award Winner - Uyen Griffis
- 2017-2018 Palmetto Silver Award for High Academic Performance
- 2012 National Blue Ribbon School
- 2013 Palmetto's Finest School
- 2013 Golden Apple Award Winner - Jennifer Harrell Pearson
- 2011-2012 SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Honor Roll
- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2010, 2011, 2012 Closing the Achievement Gap Award
- 2007-2010 Red Carpet Award
- Home to three Aiken County Teachers of the Year:
 - 2023, 2011 Uyen Griffis
 - 2022 Rhett Sherman
 - 2007 Robin Patterson

Hammond Hill Elementary



Spring 2026 Annual Report

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The purpose of this report is to provide community and school stakeholders of an overview of Hammond Hill Elementary School. The overview includes previous awards, standardized assessment data and a detailed list of school-wide initiatives.

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SC READY 2025						
% of students scoring Meets or Exceeds						
	Math HHES	Math District	Math State	ELA HHES	ELA District	ELA State
3rd	76.5%	51.3%	56.3%	72.4%	61.2%	61.7%
4th	60.2%	46.0%	53.7%	82.8%	62.6%	63.5%
5th	68.8%	42.1%	48.1%	71.6%	61.7%	62.5%

SC READY Science 2025			
% of students scoring Meets or Exceeds			
	Science HHES	Science District	Science State
*4th grade only	63.3%	43.4%	49.2%

Our Programs and Activities

- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ African-American History Celebration
- ◆ All-Pro Dads
- ◆ American Education Week
- ◆ Apptegy/Rooms Electronic Notification System
- ◆ Art Show
- ◆ Awards Assemblies
- ◆ Battle of the Books
- ◆ Beautification Projects
- ◆ Bee Buddy Club
- ◆ BINGO Family Night
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Bridges Intervention
- ◆ Classroom Guidance Lessons
- ◆ Clear Touch in every classroom
- ◆ Community Helpers
- ◆ Educational Software for Guiding Instruction (ESGI)
- ◆ Field trips
- ◆ Frax Math
- ◆ Gifted and Talented Program
- ◆ Grandparents' Day Parade
- ◆ Grinch Day
- ◆ Hispanic Culture Celebration
- ◆ iReady Math
- ◆ iReady Reading
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Math Flexible Groupings
- ◆ Mayors Writing Contest
- ◆ Media Center
- ◆ Military Celebrations
- ◆ MTSS
- ◆ Multi-Language Learner Info/Registration Night
- ◆ Music
- ◆ New Student Tours
- ◆ Number Corner Math
- ◆ Open House
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Polar Express Day
- ◆ PowerSchool Parent Portal
- ◆ Principal for the Day
- ◆ Principal Writing Wall
- ◆ Professional Development for Staff
- ◆ PTO
- ◆ Read Across American Week
- ◆ Read & Rise Program
- ◆ Read to Succeed
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Ribbon Ceremonies
- ◆ Robo Call Buddies
- ◆ Safety Patrol
- ◆ School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ◆ Service Learning Projects
- ◆ Spelling Bee
- ◆ SPIRE Intervention
- ◆ Spirit Nights
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Student Intervention Team (SIT)
- ◆ Student of the Month Celebrations
- ◆ Veterans' Day Program
- ◆ Volunteer Orientation
- ◆ Wacky Science Night with Trick or Treat
- ◆ WHHE Morning Show
- ◆ Youth Development Team

Statistics

- Student Enrollment: 734
- Number of Certified Staff: 55

School Improvement Council

Hammond Hill's School Improvement Council meets monthly. Any interested parents and community members are invited to attend. SIC Meetings are announced during our weekly updates. They are also posted on school's website.

2025-2026 SIC MEMBERS

Elected Members

- Ms. Jessica Nealious, teacher/chair
- Ms. Martha Ramirez, teacher
- Ms. Jessica Reynolds, teacher
- Ms. Jelessa Smith, teacher
- Ms. Brittani Wetherington, teacher
- Ms. Laura Grieb, parent
- Ms. Jasmine Louis, parent
- Ms. Maira Acosta Miranda, parent

Appointed Members

- Mr. David Buck, Community Member
- Ms. Cathy Martin, Community Member

Ex-officio Members

- Ms. Ashley Miller, PTO President, Parent
- Ms. Dede Scott, Principal
- Mr. Daniel Hamilton, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Karen Robin , counselor
- Ms. Rhett Sherman, Title I facilitator
- Ms. Shannon Hoffmann, Teacher of the Year